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of persons of 60 years and upward, and out of this number 1,093 were 70 and upward. In the ten weeks ended the 6th of March, 1897, 550 of the deaths in the Dublin registration district were of persons aged 60 years and upward.

NEWTON B. ASHBY,
United States Consul.

JAPAN.

Smallpox in Yokohama and suburbs.

YOKOHAMA, *March 5, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to call your attention to the inclosed return of the occurrence of smallpox in Yokohama and suburbs for period from February 23 to March 3, inclusive, which, as will be seen by comparison with my report on the same subject of date February 24, shows an increasing prevalence of the disease. My regular report of infectious diseases for the whole country I am unable to forward by this mail.

Occurrence of smallpox in Yokohama and suburbs February 23 to March 3, 1897.—February 23, cases, 6; deaths, none. February 24, cases, 14; deaths, 2. February 25, cases, 16; deaths, 5. February 26, cases, 18; deaths, 3. February 27, cases, 9; deaths, 3. February 28, cases, 18; deaths, 3. March 1, cases, 10; deaths, 3. March 2, cases, 7; deaths, 1; March 3, cases, 21; deaths, 8. Total, cases, 113; deaths, 28.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

PERU.

Quarantine at Callao.

CALLAO, PERU, *February 10, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of dispatch by me directed to our charge d'affaires at Lima, informing him of the action taken by consular officers, on the 8th instant, in regard to the quarantining of vessels at this port.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

LEON JASTREMSKI,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

CALLAO, PERU, *February 9, 1897.*

SIR: By previous agreement the consular officers of Great Britain, Germany, France, Spain, Chile, and the United States of America met yesterday at the British consulate to confer about the quarantining of the Panama steamers at this port.

Owing to the lack of a lazaretto, passengers have been detained for days on quarantined vessels, or quartered in a small and ill-adapted steamer, and in one instance conveyed to Arica for reshipment thence to this port. Meanwhile, these passengers have been made to pay extra, about \$5 per day for cabin passengers.

Aside from the danger of contagion arising from such objectionable arrangements, some of the passengers find great difficulty in meeting the extra charges imposed. Mails are also withheld, which might be expedited after being disinfected, and additional charges are imposed on merchandise.

It was resolved at said conference to depute the consuls of Chile, Great Britain, and the United States with instructions to call on the prefect of the Province in an official and friendly manner with the view of reaching, through his influence, an amelioration